

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 4, 2013
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, also in attendance were several interested Somers Residents.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All members participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time the Meeting adjourned to the Town Hall Auditorium to accommodate the large number of residents attending the meeting.

The Board of Selectmen meeting reconvened in the Town Hall Auditorium. Due to time restraints Selectman Kathy Devlin requested that all Town business and all items that need Board approval be moved to the beginning of the meeting so that the Board can devote the rest of the meeting to the residents.

Selectmen's Update:

Resident State Troopers Contract:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the Resident Trooper Contract for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

Mr. Knorr made a motion to authorize First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini to sign the Resident Trooper Contract for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 as well as any other associated documents, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

DBS Energy:

Mrs. Pellegrini requested authorization to sign the DBS Energy Grant application for Town Hall Solar Panels.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize First Selectman Pellegrini to sign the DBS Energy Grant application for Town Hall Solar Panels, as well as all other associated documents, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Correspondence:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that Scott Pierce of the Department of Public Works submitted his resignation today.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter of recommendation from Amy Saada, Human Services Director to hire Gary Marharne as a Part Time/Temporary Dial A Ride Driver with a start date of April 8, 2013.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Gary Marharne, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter of recommendation from Deputy Director, Todd Rolland to hire Eric Hurlburt as a full time Maintainer.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Eric Hurlburt as a full time maintainer, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Mr. Robert Schmidt of the Economic Development Commission resigning effective April 5, 2013.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$178,979.68, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations:

Department: Senior Services

<u>Printing & Reproduction Newsletter</u>	<u>100-5130-070-0550-5-01</u>	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>
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<u>Other supplies</u>	<u>100-5130-070-0619-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
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<u>Programs & Events</u>	<u>100-5130-070-0324-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
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Department: Registrar of Voters

Transfer To:

<u>Supplies</u>	<u>100-0035-010-0612-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
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<u>Postage</u>	<u>100-0035-010-0534-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
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Transfer From:

<u>Training</u>	<u>100-0035-010-0322-5-00</u>	<u>\$ 320.00</u>
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Minutes for approval:

Regular Board of Selectmen Minutes 3/7/13

Special Board of Selectmen Minutes 3/14/13

Regular Board of Selectmen Minutes 3/21/13

Mr. Knorr made a motion to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of 3/7/13 and the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of 3/14/13, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Devlin, to approve the 3/21/13 Regular Board of Selectmen Minutes with a correction to the minutes to include the language of the Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreement Resolution for Ellington Regional Housing CDBG Small Cities Grant application as originally motioned by Mrs. Devlin and seconded by Mr. Knorr (see below):

MOVE THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE JOINT COMMUNITY APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND THE TOWN OF SOMERS, AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY REGARDING JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ELLINGTON HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH A CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington and Somers have identified need in the municipalities to provide decent housing and related conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellington contemplates submitting jointly with the Town of Somers an application for single purpose block grant funds under the Small Cities Program of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of meeting such needs, and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Ellington and Somers understand that the Town of Ellington will act as the applicant and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the contract.

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Towns of Ellington and Somers and DECD have access to all participants' community development block grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant the Towns of Ellington and Somers agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such block grant funds, and agree to cooperate in implementing the submitted Small Cities Program, as approved by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority that it presently possesses.

A unanimous vote followed.

Recreation Programs/Summer Camp:

Mrs. Pellegrini began the discussion regarding Summer Camp with an overview of the previous Board of Selectmen Meeting. Residents' comments regarding Summer Camp were shared with the Board. The Board is currently working to review alternative shelters during inclement weather as well as rewrite policies and procedures that will reduce risks.

Adjournment:

Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.